

REMARKS**OBJECTIONS**

The Office Action, at pages 2-3, has objected to the specification, in the Abstract, line 1, and in the Detailed Description heading. Applicant notes that, while the form of application section headings are advised in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the form and wording of each section heading is only suggested, using "should" and not "must" language. Hence, the form of each of the headings is acceptable as originally submitted. Nevertheless, Applicant has chosen to amend section titles as per the Examiner's suggestions.

Applicant has incorporated the changes suggested in the Office Action. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 7, 12, 15 and 16 have been amended to improve clarity. No new matter has been added.

REJECTIONS

Claims 1-19 are Allowable.

The Office has rejected Claims 1-19, at paragraphs 8-20 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,408,177 ("Parikh"). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claim 1 recites a method of routing a call to a voice mailbox, the method comprising receiving a call from an originating device at a first redirecting device; forwarding the call from the first redirecting device to a second redirecting device, the forwarded call having an associated data message that includes a calling number of the originating device, and a first redirecting number of the first redirecting device; and forwarding the call from the second

redirecting device to a destination voice mailbox, the destination voice mailbox selected based on an evaluation of the first redirecting number and a second redirecting number.

Parikh discloses that an incoming call is directed to a call management system, which manages calls for a subscriber. (Parikh, col. 3, lines 49-51). The call management system includes an inbound call management application. (Parikh, FIG. 3). Based upon the information received from a Short Messaging Service (SMS) application, the inbound call management application may: instruct a call setup application to forward the call to a forwarding number or to an external voicemail system; play a "call rejected" message and disconnect the incoming call; or connect the call to the internal voicemail application. (Parikh, col. 5, lines 35-41). However, Parikh fails to disclose or suggest a second redirecting device. Hence Parikh fails to disclose or suggest forwarding the call from the first redirecting device to a second redirecting device, as recited in Claim 1.

Parikh further discloses that the redirecting number in a setup message is set equal to *the number dialed by the caller* to reach the subscriber, i.e., the subscriber's public (directory) telephone number. (Parikh, col. 6 line 67-col. 7, line 3). In Parikh, the device associated with the number dialed by the caller is not a redirecting device; rather, the redirecting is done by the call management system. Therefore, Parikh also fails to disclose or suggest the forwarded call having an associated data message that includes a calling number of the originating device, *and a first redirecting number of the first redirecting device*, as recited in Claim 1.

As explained above, Parikh discloses, based upon information received from a Short Messaging Service (SMS) application, the inbound call management application may instruct the call setup application to forward a received call to a forwarding number or to an external voicemail system. (Parikh, col. 5, lines 35-39). However, Parikh fails to disclose or suggest a second redirecting device. Hence, Parikh fails to disclose or suggest forwarding the call from the second redirecting device to a destination voice mailbox, as recited in Claim 1. Additionally, Parikh does not disclose or suggest a second redirecting number, as recited in Claim 1. Hence, Parikh fails to disclose or suggest forwarding the call from the second redirecting device to a destination voice mailbox, the destination voice mailbox selected based on an evaluation of the first redirecting number and a second redirecting number, as recited in Claim 1.

For at least the reasons presented above, Parikh fails to disclose or suggest each element of Claim 1. Accordingly, Claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2 and 3 depend from Claim 1, and are therefore allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from Claim 1.

Claim 4 recites a method comprising receiving a query message at a switch control point; determining that inbound call data includes a redirecting number of a redirecting device; and formulating a response message to the query message, the response message to indicate an address for a destination voicemail account, the address determined based upon the redirecting number of the redirecting device.

In contrast, Parikh discloses that the redirecting number in a voicemail setup message is set "equal to the number dialed by the caller to reach the subscriber." (Parikh, col. 6 line 67-col. 7 line 2). Thus, Parikh fails to disclose or suggest determining that inbound call data includes a redirecting number *of a redirecting device*, as recited in Claim 4. Parikh also fails to disclose or suggest formulating a response message to the query message, the response message to indicate an address for a destination voicemail account, wherein the address is determined based upon the redirecting number *of the redirecting device*, as recited in Claim 4.

Thus, Parikh fails to disclose or suggest each element of Claim 4. Accordingly, Claim 4 is allowable. Claims 5 and 6 depend from Claim 4, and are therefore allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from Claim 4.

Claim 7 recites an intelligent network system comprising a switching control point; a service switching point coupled to the switching control point; wherein the service switching point is operative to send a request message to the switching control point, the request message including a subscriber telephone number and a redirecting number of a redirecting device.

In contrast, Parikh discloses that the redirecting number in a voicemail setup message is set equal to the number dialed by the caller to reach the subscriber. (Parikh, col. 6 line 67-col. 7 line 2). Hence, Parikh fails to disclose or suggest the request message including a subscriber telephone number and *a redirecting number of a redirecting device*, as recited in Claim 7.

Therefore Parikh fails to disclose or suggest each element of Claim 7. Accordingly, Claim 7 is allowable. Claims 8-19 depend from Claim 7, and are therefore allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from Claim 7.

CONCLUSION

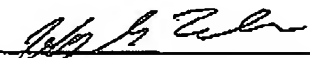
The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney or agent.

Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

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